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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street NW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: DA 12-1863, IB Docket No. 12-340; RM-11683,
Reply Period

Dear Ms. Dortch,

I wrote in support of LightSquared's position during the initial comment period. Today I write again, during the reply period, to urge the FCC to approve LightSquared's License Modification Application, now pending.

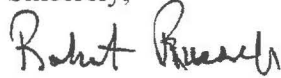
As I have written to you in the past, in my 28 years of law practice, I have served in state government, including an appointment as Inspector General for the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and have served as the elected County Attorney of Madison County, Kentucky. Therefore, I understand the problems of operating a governmental agency in these times. I know, for example, that the FCC has a number of objectives for developing our economy through the best use of the airwaves. I know that it is deeply interested in providing universal cell phone and broadband service in rural areas of our country, such as the Eastern mountains of Kentucky. I also know that the FCC desires to foster competition in the marketplace, and to utilize all of our available spectrum, because with the increasing complexity of electronic devices, we simply can't afford to waste portions of our spectrum. LightSquared is the only private company I know of which is in a position to quickly meet each of these objectives without government money.

I agree with the comments made by VoX Communications, a regional provider of wireless services: "Hundreds of millions of American consumers would benefit from the competition, coverage and innovations that would be made possible by LightSquared's network. We are aware of several ways in which American consumers will benefit from products that we plan to offer, and we can only begin to imagine the benefits that consumers will derive from the innovations developed by our competitors."

This kind of says it all. Rural America is being deprived both of benefits it knows (good cell phone service being the primary one) and those it doesn't know it is missing, such as those innovations mentioned in VoX's comments. Rural America needs better broadband and cell service, and it needs it sooner rather than later.

Thank you for the important work that you do, and thank you for allowing me to express my views on this issue, which I consider to be of vital importance to rural areas in Kentucky.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Russell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Robert" and last name "Russell" clearly distinguishable.

Robert L. Russell